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COMMISSIONER

# Re-Entry Update

## Institutional Pre Release and Reentry Services

**\*\*Criteria for Participation\*\***

-  EOS Inmates
-  Probationers
-  Parole Candidates
-  SRP Candidates

If you are within 30-90 days of an EOS date, parole consideration date, SRP transfer date and are interested in learning about reentry services, please see your Institutional Reentry Designee.

## Reentry Success Checklist

The following checklist contains things to do and consider prior to release. Failing to complete most of these items before release can increase your chances of returning to prison either on technical violations or for new crimes.

- Get Social Security Card, Birth Certificate and Picture Identification Card
- Obtain Certificate of Completion for Pre Release and Reentry Program
- Awareness of outstanding warrants and detainers
- Clear up aliases
- Identify a drug treatment aftercare or continuing care program for after release
- Develop a job search plan for identifying prospective employers
- Identify and secure immediate and short term housing
- Receive a county roster of transitional community resources.
- Identify a faith based support system
- Obtain rules for community supervision if transferred to SRP or parole status.



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## Alabama Department of REHABILITATION SERVICES

J.F. Ingram Special Services Department, a program providing educational services to inmates, 21 years of age and under, with disabilities under the Individual with Disabilities Education Act, along with the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS) developed a transition process for eligible inmate students in September, 2001. The program, developed in conjunction with the Alabama Department of Education and the Department of Corrections, links these students to transition and employment services available through ADRS' Vocational Rehabilitation Service (VRS) division. Through this program, inmate students receive information about VRS services, are connected with a VRS office in their home communities, and have an appointment with a VRS counselor before release from incarceration.

Eligibility for services requires the inmate to have a physical or mental impairment which results in a substantial impediment to employment and must be able to benefit from services in terms of becoming employed.

Some of the services offered by ADRS include, but are not limited to: Evaluation and assessment, counseling and guidance, training and related services, transportation, job development and job placement, and post-placement assistance.

Student inmates are also accepted through a referral process. Anyone can make a referral to VRS. Referrals must include the applicant's name, disabling condition and contact information.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Laurie Hutchinson, Transition Specialist at 334-514-5062 or Mrs. Becky Fields, VRS Representative at 1-800-671-6842.

## October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month



**Early Detection Saves Lives.**  
**Start your early detection and plan today.**

**For more information on the Alabama Breast and Cervical  
Cancer Early Detection Program  
Contact the Alabama Dept. of Public Health at  
(334)206-5537**

**IF YOU ARE WITHIN 90 DAYS OF RELEASE AND NEED ASSISTANCE WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING REENTRY SERVICES, PLEASE SEE YOUR INSTITUTIONAL REENTRY DESIGNEE!!**



# Institutional Reentry Services

## Bullock County Correctional Facility

### SERVANTS

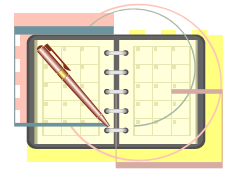
"The ideas I stand for are not my own. I borrowed them from Socrates. I swiped them from Chesterfield. I stole them from Jesus, and if you don't like their ideas, whose would you rather use?" Dale Carnegie.

I also have been inspired by Elana Parker and Commissioner Terrence McDonnell. After listening and reading instructions for the Re - Entry Program; and after my pessimism was altered, I recognized I work in the most supportive prison in the system. Why? You ask! I'll tell you. The key to the Re - Entry program is cooperation and this was our blessing from wardens, to security, to staff, and of the community. It reminded me of an orchestra conducted by several great conductors who each left behind talents and gifts of experience.

What an honor to have professionals from the FBI, Pardons and Paroles, Trenholm Technical College, Baptist Health, the Department of Human Resources, the Department of Industrial Relations as well as local staff professionals to share in this program. Let's not forget the inmates who attended a "Pep Rally" the week before their event. Not one was coerced by any method other than enthusiasm to the tune of 120. The written responses and input from the inmates following the program validated the success of the program. Inmates have orally expressed their anticipation for the next program scheduled in November. This upcoming program will be even better than the program in July, with confirmation from additional professionals wanting to participate.

Simply stated, all that happened at Bullock was a plethora of caring individuals gathered to pass out tools, extend ideas and most important; follow up. We are dedicated to the death of recidivism. Commissioner Allen, We salute you, for this vision and thanks for Elana!

Dr. Eddie Lancaster, Psychologist  
Bullock Correctional Facility



## October 2008

### Pre Release Program Schedule

Easterling	Oct. 6 - 17
Mobile Work Release	Oct. 7, 8, 15, 16
Donaldson	Oct. 14 - 27
Fountain	Oct. 14 - 24
J.O. Davis	Oct. 14 - 24
Staton	Oct. 15 -17, 20, 21
Decatur Work Release	Oct. 17 - 18
Draper	Oct. 17 - 31
Elba Work Release	Oct. 31
Frank Lee Youth Center	Oct. 21
Red Eagle	Oct. 20-24
Bibb County	Oct. 20 - 24
Limestone	Oct. 27 - 31
Kilby	Oct. 6 - 10
Atmore	Oct. 13 - 27
Loxley Work Release	Oct. 22, 27-29
Hamilton Work Release	Oct. 5-9, 20-24
Tutwiler	Oct. 26 - 31
Mobile Work Release	October 7,16
Ventress	October 6 - 8



## First Stop Second Chance

### A New Reentry Service Provides No Services

First Stop-Second Chance is new on the block, but game to tackling an old problem-reducing recidivism. FSSC is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization based in Birmingham and like so many other raw ideas conceived on a napkin. FSSC is unique in its approach to help people reenter society because it does not provide any services; instead it integrates the services of others into a coordinated effort.

Still in its fundraising phase, FSSC is actively working behind the scenes building awareness and support, service provider relationships, and the software to integrate triad-database. In addition, it has aspirations to organize a special employer coalition called ACE to provide a statewide network of employment opportunities. FSSC is also working with Law Enforcement Support Systems to release a recidivism-oriented comic book.

"FSSC is not out to change the way service providers deliver their services, but over time, it's believed its actions will help bring a statewide approach to reentry, resources, and recovery that is quality and result focused. Six months in research and development show the biggest hurdle will be the cooperation and sharing of information by all concerned parties. However, this is not a big hurdle as great progress is being made thanks to technology to unify information exchange used by FSSC in its matching, managing, and monitoring reentry. Grandiose you say, maybe so, but change is needed, and FSSC has stepped forward with a doable concept, technology, and a will driven to better the world for all concerned.

Bill Halligan & John O'Malley, Founders

First Stop-Second Chance

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